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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE

PROGRAMMING OF AN ELECTRICITY METER

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Mail Stop: AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

- 1. Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated January 14, 2004, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-22.
- 2. The \$330.00 Appeal Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(b)) is submitted herewith. Please charge Deposit Account 01-2384 in the amount of \$330.00. If the fee required for entry of this Notice of Appeal is different from the amount specifically authorized, please consider this as authorization to charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account 01-2384.
- 3. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time to extend the date for filing this Notice in the above-identified patent application from January 14, 2004, through and including July 14, 2004, is requested. Please charge Deposit Account 01-2384 in the amount of \$950.00. If additional fees are required, charge Deposit Account 01-2384.